

WEST SEVENTH BRANCH LIBRARY

265 Oneida Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

At a Glance: 2006

Built-Remodeled	Opened 1984
Square Ft	783
Hours/week*	33.5
Days/open/week	Five
Materials Budget	\$30,674
Collection Size	14,803
Books:	
Adult	4,491
Juvenile	8,476
Total Circulation	49,352
Adult	30,258 (61%)
Juvenile	19,094 (39%)
Circulation/FTE	37,963
Total Information	4,394
Information/Ref FTE	3,380
In-House Materials Use	3,796
FTEs Public Service*	1.3
Gate Count	41,016

Computer Workstations (Public) 2: Gates computers equipped with Internet access, Word processing, and Catalog access.

Lounge chairs: 2; Study tables: 1 with 1 chair; Study carrels: 0

*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

SERVICE PROFILE:

The West Seventh Branch Library is located within the West Seventh Community Center. It serves a diverse neighborhood of families, seniors, students and teachers along the West End area of Saint Paul. Its primary use is for recreational readers and browsing. Several neighborhood elementary and special education schools, teachers, and students frequently visit the library and use the collection. Materials are gathered on a routine basis from other libraries in the system for these teachers and students to supplement their informational needs.

The adult collection can be considered to be one of new releases, best-sellers, and popular titles in paperback. Selected central location non-fiction titles are purchased. Collections of books on cassette, books on CD, DVDs and video tapes are also available.

The West Seventh Branch Library presents weekly preschool story times, referral services, children's Summer Reading Program activities, and outreach efforts to neighborhood groups, recreational centers, daycare providers and nearby public and private schools. Special programs are also held in conjunction with events provided by the community center and the neighborhood.

The library proves to be a popular and pleasant gathering place for the community and visitors to the center even though the seating and materials spaces are limited. Internet and online services have been added to expand the collection. These resources are in constant use during the after-school hours until closing. The library's collection is maintained through the help of an enthusiastic and dedicated group of volunteers.